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Please amend the application filed herewith as set forth below:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph [0150] with the following rewritten paragraph:

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[0150]

Table 7E (size 3-0 barbed suture)

Measurement	Units	Average	Standard Deviation	Ratio of D, L, or P over Suture Diameter (0.292 mm)
cut angle Θ	degrees	166	1.651	not applicable
cut depth D	mm	0.107	0.007	0.37
cut length L	mm	0.443	0.042	1.52
cut distance P	mm	0.956	0.079	3.27
spirality angle α	degrees	not tested	not applicable	not applicable

Table 7F (size 3-0 barbed suture)

Measurement	Units	Average	Standard Deviation	Ratio of D, L, or P over Suture Diameter (0.292 mm)
cut angle Θ	degrees	164	2.055	not applicable
cut depth D	mm	0.106	0.006	0.36
cut length L	mm	0.395	0.042	1.35
cut distance P	mm	0.959	0.074	3.28
spirality angle α	degrees	7.329	0.547	not applicable